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For. SURFACE TREATING PROCESS, SURFACE TREATING APPARATUS,  
VAPOR-DEPOSITING MATERIAL, AND RARE EARTH METAL-BASED PERMANENT  
MAGNET WITH SURFACE TREATED

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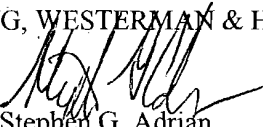
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